capacity grid connected solar plants by March, 2013. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), the trading subsidiary of NTPC, will be the nodal agency for purchase of 1,000 MW capacity of grid solar power (connected to 33 KV and above grid) from the project developers at a tariff fixed by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) for purchase of solar power. NVVN will sign a PPA with each project developer for a period of 25 years as fixed by CERC. For each MW capacity of solar power for which PPA is signed by NVVN, Ministry of Power will allocate to NVVN an equivalent MW capacity from the unallocated quota of NTPC stations. NVVN will bundle this with solar power and sell this power at a rate fixed as per CERC regulations. The utilities will be entitled to use solar power to meet their renewable power obligation (RPO).

(c) The Government has not proposed any specific site to set up solar power plants. A project developer can set up a solar plant anywhere in the country, based on the availability of land, solar radiation and other facilities.

Setting up of power projects in Andhra Pradesh

*256. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the proposals received by his Ministry from Andhra Pradesh Government to set up power projects in the State during the last three years;

(b) the latest status of the progress of each such project;

(c) the number and details of the proposals which have not been cleared so far; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) With the enactment of Electricity Act, 2003, concurrence of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is not required for setting up of new Thermal Power Projects. However, concurrence of CEA is required for setting up of Hydro Projects estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceeding such sum as may be fixed from time to time, by Notification.

During the last three years, a proposal for Hydro Electric Project, namely, Indira Sagar Polavaram Multipurpose Project (960 MW) has been received from APGENCO, Andhra Pradesh for accord of concurrence. The proposal has been received only on October 10, 2009 in CEA.

Unrealistic and objectionable programmes

*257. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for permitting television producers to exhibit un-realistic and highly objectionable programmes in the name of reality show; and

(b) whether her Ministry is aware about the so-called comedy programmes wherein